

The Mission Field.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

We had a grand time serving the Lord Sunday, Sept. 26. The body became tired but the soul revived. We have seven services on the Sabbath, commencing in the morning with the K. C. Juniors at 9:45 A. M.; preaching, 11:00 A. M.; Sunday-school, 3:00 P. M.; open air meeting, (on street) 4:00 P. M.; open air meeting, (on street) 6:00 P. M.; K. C., 7:00 P. M.; preaching, 8:00.

It makes us feel encouraged to see our little Juniors take hold of their meeting. The president opens the services, then the musical director leads in singing followed by prayer, after which the meeting is given over to their instructor, Brother Esterbrook.

There is plenty of hard work connected with missions. We asked the Lord for help, and as a result he sent Brother Esterbrook. We appreciate our brother's help which make our burdens much lighter. We missionaries are not traveling to heaven on flowery beds of ease, but are fighting the battle which is before us. Although we are not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods as some people are, we expect to reap our reward in heaven.

This neighborhood (northwest side) is largely composed of foreigners. Last evening an old gentleman, a Swedish missionary, came into our services. He could not talk our language very well, so he sang a Swedish song, which was full of the Holy Ghost. Such are the people we like to meet. O, for more consecrated people filled with the spirit of Christ, who are willing to give their bodies a living sacrifice holy unto God, which is our reasonable service. Remember, dear reader, by so doing we have nothing to lose but everything to gain. We can not carry the devil on one shoulder and Christ on the other. Such a load will not balance and it makes the road hard to travel. If we turn our face on the devil he will flee from us. Then look to God for help,

and by following close in the Master's footsteps our burdens are made easy and our yokes light. Do not be afraid of doing too much for Jesus, but be afraid of doing too little. Remember the time is coming, and it is not far distant, when we must meet God face to face. When that time arrives what will the message be? Will it be, "Come up higher," or will it be, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I know ye not." God help us to get right and stay right, so that when that last trumpet sounds we can hear the blessed words come up higher good and faithful servant.

May God's blessing rest upon us all is my prayer. I am yours, for the salvation of souls,
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WASHINGTON CITY.

No special news at this time, but will tell a thing or two that came under my observation last week.

I find there are many ways in which we may work to build up a congregation even without a large outlay of money.

A certain mission church of this city has purchased a lot and erected a building in such a way as to give them a very nice little auditorium, over which a very desirable flat of several rooms make the parsonage. When the congregation shall have increased sufficiently, the main church building is to be erected on the rest of the lot and then the present auditorium may be used for Sunday school purposes, etc. This plan is certainly a most economical one and requires a comparatively small amount of money to operate it. This saves all rent and is non-taxable.

What an easy matter it ought to be to start the Chicago, Dayton and Washington missions on this basis. It would certainly pay. That would be business. But a small amount of money would be necessary with which to begin. In every city there are many people with means, who are willing to invest and will give a long term of years for payment, just so the interest is paid, and they are secure.

On last Monday night we held a business meeting and it was unanimously agreed upon to at once begin soliciting funds for the purchase of a church property. No one need be afraid of helping now, in case they feel "pressed in spirit" to do so. If we should get more money than we would know what to do with, we will "divide up" with Brother Mac, of Chicago, that is, if he should find use for any more money than he has, and should he not need it, possibly Brother Tombaugh could find some place in Dayton where it might be used to profit.

We are still expecting that "Memorial Chapel," but we thought that while Brother ———'s plans are maturing we would be getting ready to buy a lot. We hardly feel that it would "hurt his feelings" for us to become partners in the concern in that way.

This reminds me of a certain church that has one very wealthy member in it and she is benevolently inclined, and the other members of that church are quite liberal too: that is, they are liberal toward their wealthy sister, yes, liberal enough to let her do *all* that she will.

The pastor told me on one occasion that really it seemed like a pity for these members were actually letting this rich lady take away their share of blessings.

Now let me say here that we are going to do better than that. Only a few of us here and all poor alike, so that "whosoever will" may come and give and get blessed. Cash will be received if that will suit better than a pledge.

A STRANGE SPECIMEN.

Who? what? One who does not believe in missions, Sunday-schools, etc.,—does not believe that we have gospel authority for preaching to sinners and calling on them to repent, etc., and this same person is always willing to give a nice little sum in order to help along and says, "You are a good kind of people," etc.

But here is something still more strange! I refer to those who *claim* to believe so much more than this other man and yet give nothing, or next to nothing, to missions. Those who belong to this latter class are many; yes, their name is "Legion." They put off God's cause with the "pennies," while they consume the "dollars" on secular things and fleshly gratifications.

And still they sing:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Lord, pity.

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AN OPEN LETTER ON MISSION WORK.

Something over a year ago the Lord laid the burden of foreign missions very heavily upon my heart. When I looked at the countless masses of humanity that did not even know of the God whom we worship, then pondered God's word, how it commends us to preach the gospel to every creature, and then looked at the church of which I am a member, and had regarded as the ideal church of Christendom, and could not see one missionary in any of the unevangelized fields, nor any